

is unsustainable, and we cannot afford it.

It is past time we get this runaway spending under control. As I have said countless times, Washington has a spending problem, not a revenue problem.

The American people deserve better than this. It is time that we put them first and get our economy back on track.

HIGHLIGHTING BUILD BACK BETTER

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight how the Build Back Better Act will improve the lives of people all across our country.

For far too long, pharmaceutical giants have charged outrageous prices for lifesaving medication. The Build Back Better Act will finally allow Medicare to negotiate prices and cap the price of insulin at \$35 a month.

For years, hardworking people who fell ill or cared for an aging loved one were forced to choose between their livelihood and their health or that of their loved ones. Finally, the Build Back Better Act will ensure more people have decent healthcare and that their coverage is more affordable.

Importantly, all of this will be paid for without raising taxes on middle-class families because when billionaires pay their fair share, we can invest in those who make and build what makes and builds America.

HONORING PASTOR KENNY GRANT

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with gratitude to honor the service and ministry of Pastor Kenny Grant at Calvary Baptist Temple in Savannah, Georgia.

It is not often in life that you meet someone with as complete an understanding and unwavering trust in God's plan as Kenny Grant.

Kenny has served as senior pastor at Calvary Baptist Church for 10 years, and this past Sunday, he delivered his final sermon.

Kenny dedicated his life to serving others at 17 when he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. It was during this time in the Marine Corps that he came to Christ and discovered his calling to preach and minister to others.

After 9 years in the Marines, Kenny went straight into the ministry by founding his own church. Kenny took his experience from his time in the Marines and used it in his ministry, growing his church and nourishing the hearts of his brothers and sisters in Christ.

Kenny has served the members of Calvary Baptist Temple selflessly, and

we are excited to see where God takes him next.

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PROTECTING ACCESS TO ABORTION

(Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, Maya Angelou said that when people show you who they are, believe them the first time. Mississippi showed us.

The State made its intent clear today before the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, despite 50 years of constitutional precedent that clearly upholds it. This is about politicians controlling people's bodies and decisions.

In my 10 years working for Planned Parenthood in the South, I saw exactly who is hurt the most by harmful abortion bans: Black, indigenous, and people of color, LGBTQI-plus communities, people struggling to make ends meet. Without *Roe*, the threat to abortion is real and far-reaching. Half of U.S. States are poised to ban abortion entirely, including my home State of Georgia.

Abortion is essential. We must ensure that everyone, no matter their ZIP Code has the freedom to make decisions about their health and their families.

In the House, we did our part by passing the Women's Health Protection Act. It is time for the Senate to do its job so that we can rightfully keep abortion safe, legal, and accessible.

DEFEND THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

(Mr. FITZGERALD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to defend the sanctity of life.

Today, the Supreme Court is hearing the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. I am glad the Supreme Court has decided to take up this important case in which they will consider whether all pre-viability bans on abortion are unconstitutional. Scientific advancements have rendered the viability standard established since *Roe* as outdated.

Today, we know the following: By 15 weeks, babies in the womb have a heartbeat. They have arms, legs, fingers, and toes. And they have fully developed hearts and can respond to light and touch almost anywhere else on their bodies.

President Biden and my colleagues on the left have taken an anti-life stance and pushed policies that would require taxpayers to fund abortions. They also would require healthcare providers to perform abortions, despite

any moral objections that they may have, and remove existing protections to allow abortions on demand, no matter what the age of the fetus.

This is wrong. I value unborn innocent lives and I will always push back with a clear and strong message.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

(Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, for almost 50 years, the law has recognized that the decision of whether to have or not have an abortion is protected by the Constitution. Yet, in the last decade, State lawmakers have pushed through nearly 500 restrictive laws that make abortion difficult and sometimes impossible to access. This fight has reached a breaking point.

The Mississippi law being challenged at the Supreme Court today would ban abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, well before viability. Anti-abortion policies are about power and control, control over our bodies and control over our families. We won't stand for it. We will defend our rights and freedom to access safe and legal abortion.

Keep your bans off our bodies. Keep out of our doctors' offices and family decisions. Keep our constitutional rights in place.

GOOD FORESTRY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to announce tonight the lighting of the Capitol Christmas tree on the west steps in just a few minutes.

The tree each year is selected from a different national forest around the country. This year the tree comes from the Six Rivers National Forest in Northwest California, a four-county area I share with Mr. HUFFMAN from the Second District.

The marking of the lighting tonight indeed kicks off the Christmas season here in Washington, D.C., here at the United States Capitol.

Forestry, of course, is a very important part of our life in northern California and in the West, and positive forestry practices are extremely important if we are ever going to control wildfire and not harm the habitat and economies of our areas there.

I hope we can see in the lighting of the Capitol Christmas tree all the good things that come with good forestry and the holiday season.

Merry Christmas.

HISTORIC BILLS PASSED IN CONGRESS

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1